

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete objects 9-12 on page 5, paragraphs 4-6 on page 7 beginning with the word FIGURE 3 and paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 9 in the specification without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the title of the invention on page 1, please change the word "TOOTHBRUSH" to --ARTICLE--.

Please amend the paragraph following the words FIELD OF INVENTION on page 1 as follows:

The instant invention relates generally to holders which receive an article [toothbrushes] and more specifically it relates to [a toothbrush] an article assembly which may contain a combination of appealing qualities to a child. [and thereby may promote a superior way to achieve desirable habits associated with good oral hygiene.]

Please amend lines 2-4 on page 2 as follows:

There are various advantages in storing [a toothbrush] an article in an upright position, and numerous patents have disclosed holders or stands for retaining [a toothbrush] an article in a vertical...

Please amend objects 1-4 on page 3 as follows:

A first object of the present invention is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly that will overcome the shortcomings of the prior art devices.

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A second object is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly comprising [a toothbrush] an article having a [first and second] receivable end, [and a bristle head being positioned on the first side of the first end,] and a stand for retaining the [brush] article [in a vertical position] when the stand is placed on a horizontal surface.

A third object is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly, in which the stand is releasably connected to the [toothbrush] articles [handle ] receiving end.

A forth object is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly, in which the stand is a pair of feet which are positioned together to form a continuous bottom supporting surface and a single heel portion, wherein the single heel portion includes a recess for selectively receiving the [second] receivable end of the [toothbrush handle] article therein.

A fifth object is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly, in which a base is connected to the bottom side of the foot stand for providing additional stability to the foot stand.

A sixth object is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly, in which the base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with the recess in the foot stand for additionally receiving the [second] receivable end of the [toothbrush handle] article therein, for providing additional stability to the foot stand and [brush handle] article.

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A seventh object is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly, [in which the handle is in the shape of a torso of an animate object conforming with the shape of the foot stand, wherein the first and second end of the handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having the shape of arms and legs extending therefrom] that is simple and easy to use.

An eight object is to provide [a toothbrush] an article assembly, [in which a cover is provided in the shape of a head conforming with the shape of the handle and foot stand, for selectively covering the bristle head] that is economical in cost to manufacture.

Please amend paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 7 as follows:

FIGURE 1 is a front exploded perspective view of the [toothbrush] article assembly according to the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is a front [perspective] exploded perspective view of the [toothbrush] article assembly [in Figure 1 assembled together] according to the present invention showing a base for the stand.

Please amend page 8 in the specification as follows:

With regard to FIGURES 1 and 2, the embodiment of the invention drawn shows an [elongated toothbrush handle] article 1 having a [first] receivable end 2 [a second end 3 and a first and second side. A bristle head 4 is positioned on the first side of first end 2]. A stand 5 is in the shape of first

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and second feet 6a and 6b. Each first and second feet 6a and 6b, are elongated to define a toe end and together a common heel end. First and second feet 6a and 6b are joined together and positioned together to form a continuous bottom supporting surface. The heel end of each first and second feet 6a and 6b, is positioned together to form a single heel portion 7. Single heel portion 7 includes a recess 8 extending through a top side thereof and towards a sole thereof for selectively receiving [second] receivable end [3] 2 of [handle] article 1 therein, thereby retaining [handle] article 1 [in a vertical position] when stand 5 is placed on a horizontal surface. First and second feet 6a and 6b each include a side surface, the side surfaces intersect one another in a common plane. [The toe end of each first and second feet 6a and 6b extends in the same direction as bristle head 4. The heel end of each first and second feet 6a and 6b is substantially flush with the second side of handle 1.] The toe end of first and second feet 6a and 6b are at an acute angle to one another.

Please amend page 9 in the specification as follows:

If desired, a base 9 could be connected to a bottom side of stand 5 as shown in FIGURE [3] 2. [In FIGURES 4 and 5,] Base 9 [includes] may include a recess 10 extending therethrough and in alignment with recess 8 in stand 5 for additionally receiving [second] receivable end [3] 2 of [handle] article 1 therein, to provide additional stability to [handle] article 1 and stand 5.

Please amend page 16 (Abstract Of The Disclosure) in the specification as follows:

[A toothbrush] an article assembly comprising [a toothbrush] an article having a [first and second] receivable end [, and a bristle head being positioned on the first side of the first end] . A stand in the shape of a pair of feet retains the [brush] article [in a vertical position] when the stand is placed on a horizontal surface. For additional support, a base may be incorporated with the stand. [In preferred form, the handle is in the shape of an animate object conforming with the shape of the foot stand. A cover is provided having the shape of a head conforming with the shape of the handle and foot stand, for selectively covering the bristle head.]

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